

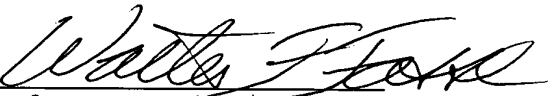
REMARKS:

- 1) The new claims 12 to 21 presented in this Preliminary Amendment for examination in this US Application correspond to the revised PCT claims 1, 2 and 4 to 11 that were submitted in the counterpart PCT International Application under PCT Article 34 on November 12, 2003, and that were annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report.,
- 2) Note that the International Preliminary Examination Report finds that all of these claims satisfy all criteria for patentability.
- 3) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 12 to 21, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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